

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An electronic circuit for adding reverberation effects to an audio signal
5 generated from an external high impedance source and passing the reverberated signal at a predetermined impedance for input into an external sound device, said electronic circuit comprising, in combination:
a reverberation effects circuit having pre-amplifier/driver and recovery amplifier sections and a spring reverberation device coupled thereinbetween, said pre-
10 amplifier/driver section having an input jack for receiving therethrough a high impedance signal produced from an external audio source and a low impedance, high current output for input into said spring reverberation device having an output for passing a low impedance signal to said recovery amplifier section for increasing the impedance of the signal to a level acceptable for input into the external sound device; and
15 a power supply circuit having means for switching between a dc volt source and an ac volt source each serving as means for powering said pre-amplifier/driver and recovery amplifier sections of said reverberation effects circuit.
2. An electronic circuit as set forth in claim 1, wherein said input jack
comprises a reverberation effects bypass for maintaining the integrity and impedance of
20 the audio signal through said reverberation effects circuit for direct input into the external sound device.
3. An electronic circuit as set forth in claim 1, wherein said pre-
amplifier/driver section comprises first and second operational amplifiers each having
inverting and non-inverting inputs and an output, each of said outputs comprising a
25 negative feedback loop coupled to said inverting inputs and shunted to ground for setting a predetermined gain value at said output.
4. An electronic circuit as set forth in claim 3, wherein said first operational
amplifier comprises a switch at said non-inverting input for controlling the audio signal

path through said reverberation effects circuit and a path to ground comprising resistive capacity for maintaining an impedance level into said first operational amplifier and keeping the audio source from being loaded.

5 5. An electronic circuit as set forth in claim 3, wherein said negative feedback loop of said first operational amplifier comprises a 50K linear potentiometer having variable resistive capacity to variably adjust gain of the signal and establish low impedance at said output of said first operational amplifier.

10 6. An electronic circuit as set forth in claim 3, wherein said output of said first operational amplifier is coupled to said non-inverting input of said second operational amplifier, said input comprising a filter for blocking passage of dc signals while allowing passage of the audio signal into said second operational amplifier, said negative feedback loop of said second operational amplifier comprising a resistor/capacitor arrangement for stabilizing said feedback loop and restoring phase margin to said second operational amplifier.

15 7. An electronic circuit as set forth in claim 1, wherein said power supply circuit comprises a transformer for lowering an outside voltage source from 120 volts ac to 12 volts ac prior to passing into a rectifying portion for converting the voltage source from ac to dc, said power supply further comprising a pair of adjustable voltage regulators operably establishing power outputs of ± 9 volts for input into a relay having
20 switching capabilities with a pair of 9 volt batteries coupled thereto.

25 8. An electronic circuit as set forth in claim 1, wherein said recovery amplifier section comprises a single operational amplifier having an inverting input for receiving a reverberated signal from said reverberation device, a non-inverting input shunted to ground and an output comprising a negative feedback loop coupled to said inverting input for setting the reverberated signal at a predetermined gain and impedance for input into the external sound device.

9. An electronic circuit as set forth in claim 8, wherein said negative feedback loop of said single operational amplifier comprises a 50K linear potentiometer having variable resistive capacity to variably adjust gain and establish a predetermined impedance of the signal at said output suitable for input into the external sound device.

5 10. An electronic circuit as set forth in claim 1, wherein said reverberation device comprises a 3-spring configuration operable at an input impedance of 800 ohms and an output impedance of 2575 ohms.

11. An electronic circuit as set forth in claim 1, wherein said recovery amplifier section comprises an auxiliary jack fitted with a switch for clamping a signal to ground to
10 intermittently control the external sound device.

12. A method for adding reverberation effects to an audio signal generated from an external high impedance device and passing the reverberated signal at a predetermined impedance for input into an external sound device, said method comprising the steps of:

15 sending the audio signal into an non-inverting input of a first operational amplifier having an inverting input shunted to ground and an output comprising a negative feedback loop coupled to said inverting input for setting a predetermined gain value and impedance at said output prior to being coupled to a non-inverting input of a second operational amplifier having an inverting input shunted to ground and a low impedance,
20 high current output for input into a spring reverberation device having an output for passing therethrough a reverberated signal;

passing the reverberated signal into an inverting input of a single operational amplifier having a non-inverting input shunted to ground and an output having a negative feedback loop coupled to said inverting input for setting a predetermined gain and
25 impedance acceptable for input into the external sound device; and

supplying power from an external source to a power supply circuit having means for switching between a dc volt source and an ac volt source each being coupled to said first and second and single operational amplifiers.

13. A method as set forth in claim 12, wherein said negative feedback loop of
5 said first operational amplifier comprises a 50K linear potentiometer having variable resistive capacity to variably adjust gain of the signal and establish low impedance at said output of said first operational amplifier.

14. A method as set forth in claim 12, wherein said negative feedback loop of
10 said single operational amplifier comprises a 50K linear potentiometer having variable resistive capacity to variably adjust gain and establish a predetermined impedance of the signal at said output suitable for input into the external sound device.

15. A method as set forth in claim 12, wherein said negative feedback loop of
15 said second operational amplifier comprises a resistor/capacitor arrangement for stabilizing said feedback loop and restoring phase margin to said second operational amplifier.

16. A method as set forth in claim 12, further comprising the step of coupling a
20 switch at said non-inverting input of said first operational amplifier for controlling the addition of reverberation to the audio signal and a reverberation effects bypass prior to said switch for maintaining the integrity and impedance of the audio signal for direct input into the external sound device.

17. An electronic circuit for adding reverberation effects to an audio signal
generated from an external high impedance source and passing the reverberated signal at a predetermined impedance for input into an external sound device, said electronic circuit comprising, in combination:
25 first and second operational amplifiers each having inverting and non-inverting inputs and an output, each of said outputs comprising a negative feedback loop coupled to said inverting inputs and shunted to ground, said negative feedback loop of said first

operational amplifier comprising a 50K linear potentiometer having variable resistive capacity to variably adjust gain of the signal and establish low impedance at said output of said first operational amplifier, said negative feedback loop of said second operational amplifier comprising a resistor/capacitor arrangement for stabilizing said feedback loop and restoring phase margin to said second operational amplifier;

a spring reverberation device having an input for accepting a low impedance, high current signal from said output of second operational amplifier and an output for passing therethrough a reverberated signal;

a single operational amplifier having a non-inverting input shunted to ground and an output having a negative feedback loop coupled to said inverting input for setting a predetermined gain and impedance acceptable for input into the external sound device; and

a power supply circuit having means for switching between a dc volt source and an ac volt source each being coupled to said first and second and single operational amplifiers.

18. An electronic circuit as set forth in claim 17, wherein said negative feedback loops of said first and single operational amplifiers each comprise a 50K linear potentiometer having variable resistive capacity to variably adjust gain of the signal and a predetermined impedance at said outputs of said first and second operational amplifiers.

19. An electronic circuit as set forth in claim 17, wherein said negative feedback loop of said second operational amplifier comprises a resistor/capacitor arrangement for stabilizing said feedback loop and restoring phase margin to said second operational amplifier.

20. An electronic circuit as set forth in claim 17, wherein said output of said reverberation device comprises a resistor/capacitor arrangement substantially serving as means for rolling off high frequency gain from the reverberated signal prior to passing into said inverting input of said single operational amplifier.

21. An electronic circuit as set forth in claim 17, wherein said output from said single operational amplifier comprises a capacitive capacity to filter voltage spikes prior to passing the signal to the external sound device and a path to ground having resistive capacity to reinforce the impedance of the signal from said single operational amplifier to match the impedance with that of the external sound device.

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